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TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =						
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X A check in the amount of \$141 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

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Prior to examination, please amend the above identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 55-65 as set forth in Attachment A.

REMARKS

Applicants are adding additional new claims in order to more clearly bring out and protect the patentable features of the present invention.

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